

## Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

### Fact Sheet

- SSVF is a VA funded program to prevent homelessness among Veterans and their families.
- It uses a combination of focused case management and temporary financial assistance (TFA).
- It uses a “housing first model” i.e., permanent housing should be preserved or the veteran helped to secure as a first priority.
- SSVF focuses on very low income veterans, i.e. income less than 50% of Median Household income for the county of residence.
- Veterans with any length of service are eligible. Veterans with an other than dishonorable discharge are eligible.
- Veterans may declare the composition of their household.
- SSVF is not an emergency funds program. There is a process which takes a minimum of a week to ten days before TFA can be provided.
- Why does it take this long? GINM determines program eligibility, collects supporting documentation to ensure legitimacy of the applicant for funds being requested, verifies third party entity, prioritizes need, approves the TFA then provides a check to the third-party entity, e.g. landlord/property mgmt. co., utility company.
- SSVF currently serves 7 counties in North Central New Mexico, Bernalillo, Valencia, Tarrant, Sandoval, Santa Fe, McKinley, and San Juan.
- On October 10, the Goodwill Industries SSVF program will expand to serve 26 Counties in New Mexico. Lincoln, Otero, Sierra, Dona Ana, Luna, Grant and Hidalgo will be served by other SSVF programs.

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